varmapuram instead of starting with the College buildings proper;

(2) whether the feasibility of obtaining sufficient water for the purposes of the College at Ramavarmapuram and the total cost of the same have been finally ascertained before proceeding with the construction of the Hostel buildings and, if not, why not;

(3) if the answer to (2) is in the affirmative, when was it finally ascertained, what is the total cost and why the water scheme was not initially taken up before starting with the construction of the buildings;

(4) is it a fact that scarcity for water was felt even by the contractors and that they were obliged to carry water from long distance for the purpose of the construction work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Because the plans and estimates for these buildings were ready first and the final designs of the Educational buildings took more time to complete.

(2) Yes.

(3) Investigations for water supply to Ramavarmapuram College were made in 1104 and it was found out that abundant supply of water will be available from a distance of about one mile from the College site. The proposal was to pump water to the College after proper filtration. An estimate amounting to rupees one lakh for the water supply was prepared in Kanni 1106.

(4) There is some dearth of water at the site where the Hostel buildings were constructed but the proposal had all along been to pump water from a distance of about a mile where there is a copious supply for all College needs.

Communications between Government and the Madras University.

407. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.— Will the Government be pleased to place on the table copies of the communications which have passed between the Government and the University of Madras after the 27th of October 1931?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Communications on different subjects have passed between the Government and the University of Madras during the period in question. Unless the subject matter is specified therefor it is not possible to answer the question.

Kumbalangi Riot Case.

408. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether there was any necessity to engage the services of Mr. Sivaramakrishna Menon in the Kumbalangi Riot cases; if so, what;

(b) who recommended the said engagement?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes. The Special Court constituted for the trial of the cases is a full-time one, and the cases are to be tried from day to day. The services of the Sirkar Vakil could not he spared for this single matter. The Prosecuting Inspector had work in other courts. The engagement of a separate vakil was therefore an absolute necessity.

(b) The Commissioner of Police.

409. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) have the Government instructed Mr. M. Sivaramakrishna Menon to defend Police Inspector Mr. Srinivasa Ayyar and constable Mr. Velutha in the prosecution against them and the Ezhuvas;

(b) whether the Government have enquired if there have been private engagements of vakils to help the Government prosecution and to defend the prosecution against the Police officers and the Ezhuvas?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. It is understood that the aggrieved Ezhuvas have engaged a private vakil.

410. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) are the Government aware that the southern Division Prosecuting Inspector Mr. M. Balakrishna Menon has given vakkalath to two vakils in the Kumbalangi riot cases;

(b) has the Prosecuting Inspector obtained sanction from the Government for engaging the service of these vakils;

(c) who will meet the expenses for their engagement?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) He gave a vakkalath to one vakil.

(b) No.

(c) The private parties who engaged the vakil.

411. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police has received any petition against the Cochin Cusba Inspector from the Additional Special First Class Magistrate's Court of Ernakulam;

(b) has the Commissioner made any enquiries regarding the allegations in the petition;

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